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E.O. 11652 ADS, DECLAS 8-20-75

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES JOINING MILITARY SPONSORS

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1. FONOFF HAS PROVIDED PRELIMINARY REACTION TO EMBASSY APPROACH CONCERNING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES COMING TO JAPAN TO JOIN US FORCES SPONSORS. NUMATA STRESSED THAT THIS WAS A PRELIMINARY REACTION BUT SAID THAT HE WAS QUITE HOPEFUL THAT SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT.

2. NUMATA SAID THAT GOJ ANTICIPATED NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE CASE OF REFUGEES ENTITLED TO SOFA STATUS. THEY WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION AND EVIDENCE OF ADMISSIBILITY TO U.S. AS DISCUSSED BELOW.

3. AS FOR THOSE REFUGEES NOT ENTITLED TO SOFA STATUS N GOJ FACED MORE DIFFICULT LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS., NUMATA SAID THAT FONOFF WAS TRYING TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES WHICH WOULD PERMIT SUCH REFUGEES TO JOIN U.S. FORCES SPONSORS IN JAPAN FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD

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PENDING THEIR IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. HE SAID THAT IT

APPEARED POSSIBLE THAT LAW WOULD PERMIT THESE REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED TO JAPAN FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS WITH A POSSIBLE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS. HE WAS QUITE DOUBTFUL WHETHER FURTHER EXTENSIONS WOULD BE POSSIBLE. ARRANGMENT WOULD BE LIMITED TO RELATIVES OF SOFA PERSONNEL OR THEIR SPOUSES.

4. NUMATA STRESSED THAT STRINGENT CONDITION WOULD PROBABLY BE ATTACHED TO ADMISSION OF REFUGEES, PARTICULARLY A COMPLETE BAR AGAINST EMPLOYMENT OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT BY U.S. FORCES, IN APPROPRIATE OR NON-APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES.

5. NUMATA SAID THAT FONOFF URGENTLY NEEDED INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH GOJ WOULD BE FEASIBLE, IT WOULD NEED DOCUMENTATION CLEARLY IDENTIFYING REFUGEE AND CLEARLY INDICATING THAT REFUGEE WOULD BE ADMISSIBLE TO THE U.S. AFTER HIS STAY IN JAPAN.

6. NUMATA SAID THAT FONOFF CONCERNED WITH PROBLEM OF IDENTIFYING REFUGEES ENTITLED TO WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT. HE SAID THE U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE JAPANESE CONSULAR AUTHORITY WITH A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED WISHED TO COME TO JAPAN TO JOIN U.S. SERVICE SPONSOR, THAT U.S. MILITARY SPONSOR WOULD PROVIDE COMPLETE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHILE IN JAPAN AND THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION FROM JAPAN UPON COMPLETION OF STAY. NUMATA NOTED THAT LATTER PROVISION MIGHT CAUSE U.S. GOVERNMENT DIFFICULTY BUT THAT IT WAS COMPARABLE TO U.S. OBLIGATION IN THE CASE OF SOFA PERSONNEL.

7. NUMATA NOTED THAT IN CASE OF INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT PASSPORTS, JAPANESE CONSULAR AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO ADMISSION TO JAPAN. HE SAID FONOFF TRYING TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT HONORARY CONSUL IN GUAM TO ISSUE SUCH DOCUMENTATIONS TO MINIMIZE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF REFUGEES WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE TO GO TO HONOLULU.

8. FONOFF NA DIV CONTACTED US SUBSEQUENT TO CONVERSATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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NUMATA TO INFORM U.S. MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WOULD WANT FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION OF REFUGEES;

- (A) VISA APPLICATION, IN DUPLICATE, WITH THREE PHOTOS;
- (B) LETTER OF GUARANTEE OF SUPPORT FROM SERVICEMAN, AS WELL AS U.S. GUARANTEE (SINGLE DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE);
- (C) LETTER STATING REASONS APPLICANT DESIRES TO ENTER JAPAN;
- (D) CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY OR LAISSEZ-PASSER ISSUED BY

COMPETENT AUTHORITY SUCH AS US, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, ETC;  
(E) DOCUMENT PERMITTING SUBSEQUENT ENTRY INTO THIRD  
COUNTRY (INS PAROLE DOCUMENT FORM I-512 WOULD PROBABLY BE  
ADEQUATE).

9. COMMENT; FONOFF CLEARLY MAKING A MAJOR EFFORT TO WORK  
OUT SOME KIND OF ARRANGEMENT TO HELP IN THIS SITUATION.  
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO  
REFTEL;.  
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